

Rotary Club of Blackwood Inc
 Chartered 14th September 1970
 ABN: 40 718 875 507



District 9520

International President: Dong Kurn (DK) Lee

District Governor: Peter Shipp

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| Club President: | Ray Smith |
| Secretary: | Cherilyn Fleming |
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| Vice President: | Bernie Morgan |
| IPP: | Michael McClaren |
| President Elect: | Cherilyn Fleming |

BOARD

| Directors | |
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The Four Way Test

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Rotary Club of Blackwood Inc, PO Box62, Blackwood, SA, 5051
Meeting Venue: Belair Park Country Club, Upper Sturt Rd, BELAIR
Tuesday 6.00 for 6.30PM

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING OR WISH TO BRING A GUEST
PLEASE RING LJ Hookers Blackwood office on 8278 9111 by Tuesday 12.00 noon.

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| Club Web Site: | http://www.rotarnet.com.au/blackwood |
| District 9520 Web Site: | http://www.rotarnet.com.au/9520 |
| Rotary International Web Site: | http://www.rotary.org |

INVOCATION AND TOAST

Chairman for the evening Pres Ray gave the invocation and toast.

WELCOME

No guests were present

PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Melbourne Cup Day & USA elections
- **Welcome back to Robyn Venus**
- **David Rusk has officially resigned** and moved to the Brownhill Creek Club.
- **Blackwood High Year 12 Graduation** was held on Tuesday 25th October. Jeff Hunter and Ray Smith represented the Club
 - There are 150 year 12 students – some bright and talented people
 - Principal Susan Hyde. Chris Daw compered
 - **Ian Knight: (our guest at the Canberra Science Forum)** Service awards: Community Service, SRC, Interact, Yr 12 Centre Support. Academic award: IBD German
 - **B/W Rotary Scholarship presented by Jeff Hunter to Lauren Firth** – Service awards: Community Service, SRC. Academic awards in Chemistry, Legal Studies, Mathematical Studies, Psychology, Studies of Societies
 - **B/W Rotary award for outstanding achievement presented by Ray Smith to Leigh Hoppenbrouwers** – Service awards: Performing Arts, Care Group support, Formal, Environment Committee, SRC. Academic award in Chemistry. Leigh gave the valedictory speech.
- **Tonight is a Club Assembly**, with three topics to discuss.
- Women's Auxiliary – Fair Cake Stall: need help. An email is being sent to you separately
- Bob Arnold is hosting a Reynella Club Quiz Night this Saturday 8th November. It promises to be a fun night with a few surprises thrown in. Venue: Reynella Neighbourhood Centre, 164 Old South Rd, Old Reynella
- **The RC of Noarlunga invite you to their 42nd Birthday Celebration:** Saturday 29th November at Rotary Hall, cnr Brixton St & Clovelly Ave, Christies Beach
 - The next Conference will be held at Lobethal from 8th to 11th October, hosted by the RCs of Onkaparinga, Stirling, Blakiston and Mt Barker.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance:

90%

Raffle: Robyn Venus

Make ups: None

SERGEANTS SESSION

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Sergeant Neil White Sergeant Neil White was in good form and fined the following people: Arthur Finch, Bob Arnold, Michael McClaren, Tom Davenport, Jeff Hunter, Russell Eccleston, Graham Lough.

District Conference Report—Ray Smith

- The Conference was opened on Friday morning by Hieu Van Le, Lt Governor of SA. His story, "My Journey" told of his reluctant decision to leave post-war Vietnam and travel the dangerous journey with other "boat people" to finally land in Darwin - with no assets, no recognized qualifications, and not understanding the language. He studied and obtained Australian qualifications and has risen to be Chairman of the SA Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs Commission and is a lecturer.
- Dr Ken Collins spoke about Polio Plus and the Gates Foundation Challenge while
- Ms Lesley Bell talked to us about "Operation Cleft", which provides surgical programmes to help children in Bangladesh with cleft palates. A donation of \$200.00 will give a child "a smile for life". Their website is at www.operationcleft.org.au
- On Friday night Ken and Denise Roscrow and Caroline and myself were invited to join Peter and Jenny Geer at their rented house for a BBQ and get-together with Rotarians from other clubs...and some local wines. A true bonding session!
- On Saturday morning the Hon Dean Brown informed us about the state of the River Murray. The graphs painted a stark picture, with no relief in the near future.
- Ms Leoni Scriven presented her journey to Timor Leste to conduct baseline assessment for Rotary's Safe Motherhood project in Bobonaro, Timor Leste.
- Our keynote speaker was the Hon Ted Mulligan QC, whose subject was "Exploitation of Children". He reported on findings of the "Mulligan Enquiry". With respect to Aboriginal issues, he said we should cease making assumptions; we should engage with aboriginals to understand their issues. Child sex abuse is prevalent, abusive and disempowers the victim.
- Barry Easter, Mayor of West Tamar (which includes the town of Beaconsfield, Tasmania) gave us an insight into how he as Mayor and the people of the town of Beaconsfield dealt with the results of the rock falls in the Beaconsfield Goldmine in April 2006 and the effect of the media on the community. The rescue of the two survivors lasted fourteen days.
- Brigadier Andy Sims painted a very vivid picture of the efforts of the Australian Army in the Pakistan Earthquake Relief, the conditions they had to work in and endure. They were unarmed, sited between warring factions, on unstable land-slip areas which were either dusty or so muddy, road vehicles could not be used. The story was simple, earthy, and told with a natural Australian humour.
- Dinner on Saturday night was a masked event and was enjoyed by all, with music and dancing.
- The first speaker on Sunday was Mrs Barbara Frances who explained the history and current programmes of Inner Wheel.
- Ambassadorial Scholars Ms Yasuyo Shimomura (Japan) and our own Kyle Frazier (USA) talked about their studies in Adelaide.
- Dr Marjolein Verhoeven, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital told us about her research into evaluating interventions designed to improve the mental health and well being of children, adolescents and parents.
- The GSE Team from North Carolina made their presentation and the LTYE students were introduced to us.
- Our last guest speaker was Ian Cox, from the Hutt Street Centre. The centre provides services to the homeless and vulnerable residents of inner-city Adelaide. The Centre provides counselling, health services, meals and showers, organises recreational events and a safe common room, as well as providing basic social networks that most of us take for granted.
- The Conference was well-paced and covered many areas.

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Club Assembly

There are two proposals on the table for discussion:

1. "When opening meetings the chair person acknowledges that we meet on land previously occupied by the Kaurna aboriginal people"

It should be noted that there is no pre-set agenda on this item. The Board has not decided either for or against this motion. It is only proposed as it was raised previously, and should be settled at a Club Assembly.

2. "That all religious references be removed from our invocation"

This was proposed at the Canberra forum as a way to modernise Rotary clubs and to assist in attracting younger members. There was controversy over this suggestion.

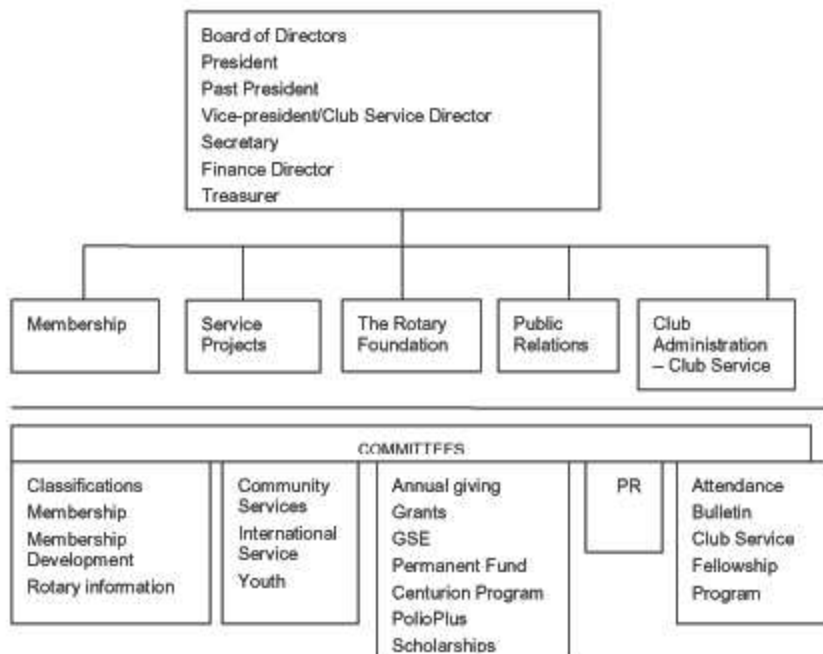
Is our current invocation a problem?

Is our invocation a reason for not increasing membership?

In our region, each of the Group 5 clubs, as well as Mitcham and Brownhill Creek clubs, has a different invocation and toast, but each is similar. Not one of them uses either of the above proposed items. Noarlunga East has increased membership by 4 or 5 members this year.

Motion 1 – put by Cheryl (President elect)

That the leadership structure of Blackwood Rotary be adjusted as follows:



Following discussion the motion passed.

CLUB ASSEMBLY—Cont.

Motion 2 – put by Past President Michael McClaren

That acknowledgement of Aboriginal land be read at all meetings. Following discussion for and against, an amendment to the motion was put by Bob Arnold.

“When opening Changeover meetings or when there is an Aboriginal guest or an Aboriginal subject for the meeting, the chairperson acknowledges that we meet on land previously occupied by Aboriginal people”

The amended motion carried after robust discussion.

Motion 3 – the all references to religion be removed from the invocation.

The motion lapsed.

CLOSING REMARKS

President Ray closed the meeting.

Sue Sedivy, Bulletin Editor

MEETING ROSTER AND SPEAKERS

| Meeting No. | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Date | 11th November | 18th November | 25th November | 2nd December |
| Fellowship | Bill Flynn | Helen Henbest | John Lewis | Bernie Morgan |
| Reg. Assistant | Arthur Finch | Tony Hughes | Bob Lehmann | Peter Pargeter |
| Furniture | Alan Eldridge Peter Geer | Jeff Hunter John Jackson | Peter Lipman Graham Lough | Michael McClaren Laz Meszaros |
| Chairman | Ray Smith | Elizabeth Caldicott | Helen Henbest | Ray Smith |
| Speaker | Cherilyn Fleming | Kyle Frazier | Dr Belinda Coyte | Various |
| Topic | Fair Briefing | My Year in Australia | Amusing moments with a woman doctor | AGM, Comittees, Buddy Night |
| Bulletin editor | Sue Sedivy | Terry Tierney | Terry Tierney | Sue Sedivy |

COMING EVENTS AND ANNIVERSARIES

| Coming events | Birthdays | Anniversaries |
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| November 16 th (Sunday) – Christmas Fair at Karinya | Nov 18 th —Margaret Congram | |
| March 14 th 2009 (Saturday) Guess who's Coming to Dinner | | |
| April 4 th 2009 (Saturday) – Musicfest | | |